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FOR AMBASSADOR TO IO AMB BUFFUM

JERUSALEM FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID SREF UNRWA XF

SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCES

REF: STATE 092114 AND 093116

1. SIR JOHN RENNIE TELLS US HE HAS CAREFULLY STUDIED
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM'S LETTER (DELIVERED MAY 4)
AND WILL REPLY AS SOON AS HE COMPLETES CONSIDERATION
WITH HIS SENIOR STAFF OF JUST HOW LONG UNRWA CAN WAIT
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BEFORE COMGEN WILL BE OBLIGED CONVOKE ADCOM MEETING

IN ORDER TAKE NECESSARY DECISIONS RE FUTURE OPERATIONS
IN LIGHT OF FINANCIAL SITUATION. COMGEN SAYS HE WILL DO
HIS BEST HOLD OFF AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER AVOID
ANY MOVE WHICH MIGHT UPSET EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, DELICATE
NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY SECRETARY.
HE HOPES HE CAN HOLD OFF UNTIL EARLY JUNE SO THAT HE
CAN CONSULT WITH SEC GEN WALDHEIM WHO WILL BE HERE ON
JUNE 3RD BUT HE NOT SURE THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY IN KITTY
TO STRETCH THAT FAR.

2. SIR JOHN REPEATED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOJ
(EXPLAINED IN OUR 5141) IN LIGHT OF MESSAGE HE HAS JUST
RECEIVED SAYING THAT PRIME MINISTER RIFAI WISHES SEE HIM
SOONEST IN AMMAN IN ORDER EXPLAIN NECESSITY OF UNRWA
INCREASING ALLOWANCES FOR TEACHERS IN JORDAN. HE ALSO
UNHAPPY WITH GOL WHICH, DESPITE REPEATED APPROACHES,
HAS NOT RPT NOT RAISED QUESTION OF GREATER ARAB SUPPORT
FOR UNRWA WITH OTHER ARAB GOVTS (COMMENT: FONMIN HAS
ALSO TOLD US THAT HE UNWILLING RAISE MATTER, FEARING THAT
IT WOULD MAKE LEBANESE APPEAR BE BEGGING AND THAT IT
WOULD NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON BASIC ARAB POLITICAL OBJECTION
TO CONTRIBUTING TO UNRWA.) GODLEY

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